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Application of : Llinas-Brunet, M. et al) Art Unit :
Serial No. : 10/091,293) Examiner :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

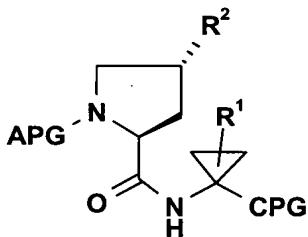
Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks before commencing examination of the above-captioned continuation application.

Please amend the application as follows.

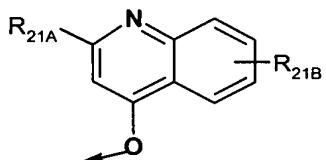
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims 80 through 96.

-- 80. A compound of the formula:



wherein R² is



wherein R_{21A} is C₁₋₆ alkyl; C₁₋₆ alkoxy; lower thioalkyl; halo; amino optionally mono-substituted with C₁₋₆ alkyl; or C₆, C₁₀ aryl, C₇₋₁₆ aralkyl, or Het, said aryl, aralkyl or